REMARKS

The purpose of this preliminary amendment is to amend the specification and translated claims to more closely conform to traditional U.S. practice. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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